



ALEXANDRIA, VA.
THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 8

EXONERATION OF SECRETARY BALLINGER
by the majority members of the committee which investigated him is attempted in a report presented to the Senate and House yesterday. It is exactly the kind of report every one expected from these committee members and exactly the kind of report they were selected to make. It declares that the charges against Ballinger were not proved and that Ballinger has been an efficient public officer, conducting the affairs of the interior department with a view to the public interest. Incidentally, the committee declines to pass upon the legality of the Cunningham claims in Alaska and recommends that their settlement be taken out of Ballinger's hands and placed in some court, whose decision shall be final. They also recommend that the Alaska coal lands be not permitted to pass into private ownership at all, but be leased for periods of years so as to conserve the resources and protect the public interest. It is, therefore, apparent that even this committee, while finding in favor of Ballinger, finds also that the government should exert itself to prevent the accomplishment of just the very things Ballinger sought to do, and to make it impossible in the future for Ballinger or any one else to turn over great public wealth to the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate or any other predatory combination.

BUFFALO is the latest city to doom the fire horse. Contracts have been let for the last horse-drawn fire engine that the city will buy. The fire commissioners announce that any apparatus they purchase in the future will be of the automobile kind, and for each piece installed five horses will be put out of commission. That is, the motor engine will be both a pump and a hose wagon and one of the new style vehicles will carry all the equipment of the old-fashioned kind. It is at the cost of motive power re-drawn apparatus is about year for engine and wagon and that the automobile will largely reduce this.

SEATTLE, fearing the introduction of bubonic plague by rats, has offered a bounty of ten cents a rat. This moves Tacoma, safe from infection from the sea, to raucous laughter and the Ledger says "that the bounty, though not intended for rodents of Tacoma, Everett, Bellingham and other populous and busy centres, has been finding its way into the pockets of non-residents of Seattle for non-resident rats. But the joke would be on us if it were found that our rat population had found its way into the Seattle census."

THE late George Washington McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, who was a democrat without guile, would, if still living, make a very good United States senator from Ohio. Not so much can be said of the brother-in-law of Admiral Dewey, says the Philadelphia Record.

EXCEEDING all the other countries of the world, the farm crops of the United States produced in 1910 are valued at \$8,926,000,000. The enormous sum is twice as great as the total valuation of the agricultural products of this country eleven years ago. The corn crop alone amounted to 3,121,821,000 bushels.

THE secretary of agriculture places the responsibility for the high cost of living squarely on the middlemen, whose operations as distributors he finds add approximately 100 per cent. to the price of farm products before they pass into the hands of the ultimate consumer. The secretary should not forget that the tariff has much to do with the present high price of living.

Shot in Elevator.
San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Physicians today declared that both Mrs. Julia Barclay, of Oakland, and James Whitley, of Grand Junction, Colo., would die of wounds inflicted last night by Whitley. Mrs. Barclay, the divorced wife of a wealthy Oakland grocer, met Whitley some time ago, and together they bought and conducted a small hotel here. Whitley was extremely jealous of the woman. Last night he invited her into the hotel elevator, which he stopped between floors and asked her to kiss him goodbye. When she refused he shot her five times. Then he jumped out of the elevator, which he sent to the top of the shaft with the woman's body in it.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Bartley died early today, but it is now believed Whitley will recover.

FROM WASHINGTON

The campaign committees of the republican and democratic parties today filed their lists of contributions and expenditures for the recent congressional campaign in Congress. The democratic lists show a total expenditure of \$27,771.22. The republican committee received reimbursement of about \$40,000 which was the interest on a payment made by the state to the state militia who defended Pennsylvania against the invasion of Lee and the Confederate army in 1863.

Senator Chandler (Dem. Ala.) was in his seat in the Senate today. Senators Elkins and Hughes, both ill, are now the only absent members.

Procedure upon the Ballinger-Pinchot report has not yet been definitely decided upon. The report may be brought before the House by the chair and a vote taken as to the acceptance or rejection of the majority report clearing Secretary Ballinger of the charges inferred against him. If, however, it is not brought before the House, in this routine way it is probable that a minority member of the investigation committee may move for its consideration by the House and if his request is ruled against by the speaker, a vote will have to be taken in the House to overrule the speaker's decision.

The third proposal is the resignation of Secretary Ballinger. This would of course, obviate any necessity for action by Congress on the report.

Concerns shipping liquor into dry territory won a temporary victory over the express companies today when the Interstate Commerce Commission handed down an order suspending an increase in rates amounting to about 30 per cent. The express companies made the increase by changing their system from charging on actual weight to estimated weight. They estimated that a two-gallon jug of whisky would weigh 34 pounds. The increase was to have become effective December 15, 1910.

Liquor shipping houses all over the country join in a protest to the Interstate Commerce Commission. One shipper in Covington, Ky., said the new rates would mean an increase to his expenses of \$28,000 annually.

With Governor Judson Harmon, of Ohio and Brigadier Gen. W. H. Bixby, Chief United States Engineer, as the chief attractions, delegates to the national rivers and harbors congress held the most important session of their convention here today. Both speakers praised the work of the congress and promised support to its projects. Such a promise coming from Gov. Harmon, in view of his present political position, filled the delegates with elation. Numerous other speakers of national prominence addressed the congress, among them being Chas. Clark and Col. William L. Sibert, members of the Panama Canal Commission.

Today brought forth another crop of candidates for the Supreme Court and the Court of Commerce vacancies. Nearly every member of Congress who called at the White House urged some candidate on the president. Representative Borah, (dem. Mo.) called to urge the name of Circuit Judge W. C. Hook, a republican, for one of the Supreme Court vacancies. Representative Ellis, (rep. Ore.) told the executive that people in his state were figuring on Judge C. H. Carey, of Portland, and Ex-Senator Fulton, of Oregon, as possible Supreme Court appointees. A delegation from South Carolina wanted the president to consider C. T. Sanders, of Spartanburg, S. C., for the Commerce Court. Representative Slemmons, (rep. Va.) called to request the president to consult him in the event that some Virginian was being considered for either the Supreme Court or the Court of Commerce.

Over ninety-two millions total population for the United States is an estimate made here today, including the complete official census returns for all but eight states. The estimate is for continental United States, excluding Alaska, and the island possessions. The total is 92,135,221; increases 16,831,834. The states not yet admitted are Georgia, Louisiana, Montana, New Jersey, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. For these the official estimates of the Census Bureau based on the rate of increase from 1900 to 1908 have been used in reaching the total.

Postmaster General Hitchcock complained today that the patrons of the mails do not seem to understand that letters and parcels intended for transmission to foreign countries must not bear upon their face any adhesive stamp or label other than the regular postage stamp. The division of dead letters is receiving quantities of letters addressed to foreign countries and which are held as unmailable by the department, because they bear upon the face of the envelopes adhesive stamps advertising the Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, California, or seals with Christmas greetings thereon. The prohibition, however, does not extend to domestic letters intended for delivery in the United States. No stamps, however, other than those issued by the government should be placed upon matter intended for delivery in European countries. Guatemala, Uruguay and Portugal will not permit delivery through the international mails of any mails bearing any labels.

The resignation of U. S. Marshall, Jack Abernathy, the wolf-catcher, was received by the attorney general today and quickly marked accepted. Accompanying the resignation was a request from Abernathy for 15-day leave of absence which was granted.

Tobacco is given the protection afforded by the pure food bill in a bill introduced in the Senate today by Mr. Taylor, (dem. Tenn.) If passed the law would prohibit the manufacture, sale or transportation of adulterated or misbranded tobacco.

A rigid investigation of the renewed traffic in Chinese girls, exposed at San Francisco, will be ordered by the federal officials here as soon as reports are received from the government agents in San Francisco.

SENATE
Louisiana will not obtain the original ordinance of session if Senator Heyburn can prevent it. He frustrated action at the last session. When the bill for the return of that historic document was reached on the Senate calendar today Mr. Heyburn objected to consideration.

Senator Burton objected to consideration of the bill to authorize the construction of a dam across the James river in Missouri. President Roosevelt vetoed a similar bill passed by Congress shortly before his retirement.

Notice in writing was today given to the Senate by Senator Cummins that on the next legislative day he will introduce his joint resolution paying the way for revision of the tariff by schedule.

Notice was also given by Mr. Cummins that when the question of referring his resolution arose he would submit some remarks on the subject.

The Senate adjourned at 1:30 p. m. until Monday.

Unsuccessful efforts were made in the Senate today to pass two of Postmaster General Hitchcock's pot reform measures. One provides that when mail matter is deposited with insufficient postage it shall be forwarded to the nearest post office for collection from the addressee. The other requires that all recipients of mail provide suitable receptacles for its delivery. Senator Heyburn, objected to action.

HOUSE.
The House commenced work upon the Indiana appropriation bill the first of the big appropriation bills which will constitute the bulk of this session's work. The bill carries appropriations totaling \$8,160,955. This is \$851,663 less than the appropriations for 1911.

No Extra Session.
[Special Dispatch to the Gazette.]
Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—Governor Mann today made public his reply to Mr. Harry St. George Tucker on the matter of calling a special session of the general assembly to enact primary election laws. He says that to do so would be to prevent the people having a chance to vote for a successor to Senator Daniel. As the extra session would have to be more than sixty thousand dollars, and holds that the same laws which secured the conviction of Jackson White in this city are strong enough to punish offenders in other sections of the state and he believes that the law is valid, the Court of Appeals having refused to interfere in the case of Wise in this city five years ago.

Boy Kills Companion.
Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—Albert Perin, aged 15, is dead today and his chum, Jesse Osborn, aged 16, is in jail charged with manslaughter as the result of a contest with rifles in which each tried to aim as directly as possible without hitting. In the dusk last evening, Osborn, firing a final shot so that his friend could hear the hum of the bullet passing his ear, shot the Perin dead in the forehead. Killing him.

With every indication that the strike of 40,000 Chicago garment workers for better shop conditions and recognition of the union will develop into an all-winter fight, the unions today started to get financial ammunition to oppose the clothing employers who, they charge, are trying to starve the workmen into submission. Every union man in Chicago would be asked to contribute 25 cents a week.

Charles Smithson and Samuel Prince pleaded guilty in police court at Toronto, Ont., today to throwing stones at street cars during the riots last night and were fined \$20 and costs. The company will prepare a bill of damages, and be reimbursed out of fines imposed. The six other men arrested were remanded for a week in jail of \$200 each. There was no demonstration and cars were not disturbed today.

Supposed Attempt at Suicide.
Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Found overcome by gas in an apartment house here early today, Mrs. Thompson Craig, of Wilmington, Del., is dying at the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital. When the woman moved into the house two days ago, she explained that she had left her family in Wilmington after a dispute with her husband. Mrs. Craig, who is 40 years old, had been unsuccessful in searching for work.

The English Political Outlook.
London, Dec. 8.—Notwithstanding that it is now assumed that the Tories will suffer their third successive defeat in the present election, the liberal press today sounds a warning that the defeated side plans a renewal of its obstructionist methods in the next parliament.

The Leader, chief organ of the liberals, says, "there is a desperate plot afoot. Foreseeing certain defeat, the Tories plan to dispute the new parliament's authority. Lord Rosebery, who is the peer's real leader, is against the people. It is another Guy Fawkes gunpowder plot, and parliament is to be blown up in its cradle. In the face of three elections, the peers are still to try to rule." The conservative gains in yesterday's voting which turned a net loss of one gain of three, are responsible for the most extravagant claims and statements by press and politicians today.

They are urging with the utmost vigor that the results mean that the people want the veto power of the lords abolished. Lord Rosebery and Arthur Balfour united in a statement that the election is sufficiently decisive to warrant the destruction of the lords' veto.

"It is perfectly clear," they say, "that the liberals have shown themselves unable to execute their own policies."

The strength of the parties at the beginning of today's voting was as follows:
Conservatives 189; Liberals 131; Irish nationalists 40; independent t. nationalists (O'Brienites), 6; laborites 25. This makes the coalition strength 184.

London, Dec. 8.—Late this afternoon the standing of the parties in the English election was as follows: Conservatives, 189, coalition 204; independent nationalists (O'Brienites) 6. The independent nationalists may be counted on the coalition on the question of the lords' veto.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Although it hurt him considerably to admit it, Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, had to confess today that he was "licked" last night by half a dozen lanky stage hands at the La Salle Theatre, when he tried to invade the stage "to see a friend."

Johnson later created such a commotion just outside the theatre, that 500 persons gathered, and Madison street was blocked for 30 minutes. Johnson, with his wife, occupied a box at the performance of "Sweetest Girl in Paris." During the intermission, Johnson sent his card to Alex Carr, a member of the company, whom Johnson said was a "friend." Carr sent word back he was too busy to come to the Johnson box, whereupon the fighter decided to go to Carr's dressing room.

At the stage door Johnson was stopped by the door tender, but forced his way on to the stage. There he was met by one of the managers, who asked him to withdraw. Johnson refused and half a dozen stage hands picked him up bodily and threw him out into an alley behind the theatre.

The fighter made his way to the front of the house and demanded admission back to his box. This was refused, and Johnson started a scene. His wife, who heard of the disturbance, joined him in the lobby, and finally induced him to leave.

Mrs. Eddy's Funeral.
Boston, Dec. 8.—The body of Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of Christian Science, was laid to rest in a receiving vault in Mount Auburn Cemetery today after simple funeral services at her late home, the Chestnut Hill mansion in Newton. There the remains will lie near those of some of the most illustrious dead of the nation until a fitting monument to her work is completed on the shores of placid Halesy Lake in one of the most beautiful spots in the cemetery.

The services, which took place at 11 o'clock, were conducted with the quiet dignity characteristic of Mrs. Eddy in life. They were attended by about 120 persons, including her relatives, members of household, officials of the Christian Science Church and Publishing Society, and her personal students residing in greater Boston. The services were conducted by members of the Christian Science persuasion.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The governor of Virginia and Mrs. Mann have been invited by President and Mrs. Taft to a dinner given at the White House on the evening of Thursday, December 15.

While searching for a suitable site on the banks of a creek near Danville for baptizing purposes a committee from the State Line Baptist Church, at Stokesland, discovered a corn whisky distilling plant.

The report of State Hospital Commissioner, J. N. Bauserman, of Shenandoah yesterday filed with Governor Mann, shows an increase of insanity in Virginia for the fiscal year ended September 30 of 203 cases. The commissioner does not regard this as abnormal, considering the increase of population.

Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant this week to citizens of this state of the following patents: G. A. Barker, Cambria, sandpapering machine; L. A. Coleman, Norfolk, mortise lock; O. G. Cosby, Hampton, bearing; T. J. King, Richmond, planter and spreader; C. H. Noel, Montvale, corn planter and hiller; W. F. Showalter, Harrisonburg, artificial limb.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT.
Three important committee assignments were filed by the steering committee of the Senate yesterday. Senators Martin, of Virginia, and Overman, of North Carolina, were selected for membership on the committee on appropriations, to fill vacancies occasioned by the death of Senator Daniel, of Virginia, and Clay, of Georgia. Senator Stone, of Missouri, was named as a member of the committee on finance, to succeed the late Senator Daniel.

The following are the committee assignments awarded the three new democratic Senators:
Senator Terrell, of Georgia—post offices and post roads, coast and insular survey, coast defenses, manufactures, University of the United States.

Senator Swanson, of Virginia—public buildings and grounds, education and labor, industrial arts and exhibitions, library, revision of the laws of the United States, and transportation routes to the seaboard.

Senator Thornton, of Louisiana, naval affairs, census, fisheries, Mississippi river and its tributaries, private land claims, public health and national quarantine, and public lands.

New Orleans scored a point in the fight it is making against San Francisco for the Panama exposition in the naming of Senator Swanson for the industrial arts and exposition committee over Senator Newlands.

MR. TUCKER MAY NOT RUN.
From reliable sources it was learned in Norfolk last night that Harry St. George Tucker would in all probability not enter the race against Thomas S. Martin for United States senator next summer, but that the present senior senator from Virginia would have as his opponent his old political enemy, Congressman William A. Jones, of the First district.

Senator Swanson will very probably be opposed by Congressman Carter Glass, who announced his candidacy some days ago. The fight against the state organization will be launched.

Tucker will support Jones, and it is rumored that Henry C. Stuart, who came near defeating Bascom Slemmons in the Ninth district, will also support the First district congressman, but this is not generally believed.

COUNTERFEITER.
A counterfeiting plot, extending over two continents, has been discovered by the secret service. The climax of several months' detective work came Tuesday when Chief Wilkie's men arrested Cesare Paoletti as he stepped from the steamer Italia in New York. The report to Acting Chief McKim says the secret service men found on Paoletti \$2,500 in national bank notes, counterfeiters on the Mechanics and Metals' National Bank of New York, when they searched him.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Justice W. D. Beard, of the state supreme court, dropped dead at the Hermitage Hotel at Nashville, yesterday morning.

Commander Robert Platt, U. S. N., retired, died at his home in Washington yesterday following an attack of cerebral embolism with which he was stricken three weeks ago. Commander Platt was a native of North Carolina.

Archibald Small, aged 49 years, who lived about a mile from Wheaton, Md., died Tuesday afternoon as a result of being attacked by a sow on his farm last Saturday afternoon. The immediate cause of death was gangrene, resulting from the injuries.

Mary McDonald McKinney, wife of Congressman James McKinney, of Aledo, Ill., died at the Emergency Hospital in Washington last yesterday. Mrs. McKinney was stricken with apoplexy last Thursday while walking on Pennsylvania avenue.

A rumor was current in Paris last night that a rich man, well known in aristocratic and political circles, had committed suicide. The report associated the tragedy with the name of Count Boni de Castellane. No reasons for this were forthcoming, and no confirmation whatever could be obtained.

The Wisconsin State board of canvassers yesterday completed their investigation of the election for congressmen in the Ninth district, and issued a certificate of election to Thomas W. Knopoff, of Keweenaw, the democratic candidate. The final returns gave Mr. Knopoff a majority of five votes.

Rene Barrier, a Frenchman, established a world's record at Memphis yesterday afternoon, when he flew a distance in excess of 16 miles in 10 minutes 55 1/2 seconds, thereby winning a prize of \$5,000 offered by the Memphis Commercial Appeal for the flight. He outwitted John Moisant, who blazed the way over the course, by nearly eight minutes. Both used Blériot monoplane. Barrier traveled at an average rate of 87.93 miles an hour.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Frye introduced a bill providing that all Panama canal tolls charged against American ships shall be paid out of the treasury. In the House yesterday the Indian appropriation bill, carrying \$8,160,955, was introduced. A bill was introduced appropriating \$43,000 to reimburse the State of Pennsylvania for militia troops furnished the union during the civil war. The House took up for consideration the bill to codify and revise the laws relating to the federal judiciary. It went over without action. The House defeated an amendment to the judiciary bill. Mr. Pearce called for a square deal in war claims, referring to the \$200,000 paid by Frederick to General Early.

The customs authority at New York yesterday took jewelry worth \$20,000 from Mr. Theodore P. Shonts, who contended the articles were not dutiable because they were merely exchanged abroad.

Walter Hall, who robbed the Greenwich Bank, of New York, of \$14,000 while its paying teller, surrendered to the district attorney yesterday, reserving \$10,000 and pleading guilty to the indictment against him. He returned to see his baby which had been born while he was a fugitive.

ALLEGED JEWELRY THIEVES.
At the German government's request detectives in New York yesterday arrested John Don Cirilo Jose de Elorduy, a Mexican, on the charge that he had swindled the royal court jeweler, Otto Koch, of Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany, of jewels worth about \$34,000. The prisoner admitted he was the man wanted. He said that he and another man, whose identity he refused to disclose, went to France and Germany last summer, determined to make all the money they could. According to statements which the German police sent to this country, the men made the acquaintance of an artist, who was a friend of Koch, telling him they were rich Mexicans on a round-the-world pleasure trip. They spent money lavishly and won the confidence of the artist, who introduced them to Koch with a high recommendation. They told him they wished to buy some precious stones.

The German police charge that on September 10 last Koch gave them the jewelry in a Munich hotel, and that, in return, they gave him a check for \$34,000. Two New York detectives, who speak German, worked on the case for nearly three months.

CONFESSIONED THEFT.
Charged with having robbed the safe in the office of the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company in Newport News of approximately \$500 in cash and checks on the night of November 29, Jud A. Monroe, 21 years old, who is well-known in Y. M. C. A. and athletic circles, was arrested yesterday. After two hours of questioning, the young man made a clean breast of the entire robbery, and with the assistance of the police, he located the officer that he had found the safe unlocked when he returned to the office at night to finish up his work, and that he had taken the money and checks and thrown the cashbox overboard. Both the money and checks were hidden in the basement of the Young Men's Christian Association building.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OPINION.

The following is the full text of the opinion of City Attorney Fisher in the matter of the sale by city officials of merchandise, &c., for the use of the city, mention of which was made in yesterday's Gazette:

CORPORATION ATTORNEY
FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
Alexandria, Va., Dec. 6th, 1910.
Hon. Fred J. Paff, mayor, Alexandria, Va.

Dear Sir: In reply to your request for an opinion as to the correctness of the position taken by Mr. A. D. Brockett, in his letter to you of October 14, 1910, in which he formally protests against the payment of any bills for which services have been rendered or merchandise furnished, by a councilman, alderman or other city officer, I beg to submit the following:

I have not considered it necessary, considering the view I take of the question, to discuss your powers or duties in the premises.

The act in question reads as follows, viz: Sec. 829. It shall not be lawful for any member of the Council or Board of Aldermen, or any other officer, or agent, or any commissioner appointed for the opening of streets, or any other member of a committee constituted or appointed for the management, regulation or control of corporate property of any city, during their term for which they are elected or appointed, to be a contractor or sub-contractor, with the said corporation, or its agents, or with such committee, nor shall they be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract, sub-contract or job of work, or materials, or the profits or contract price thereof, or any services to be performed for the city for pay under any contract or sub-contract, or for the city for pay under any contract or sub-contract, or as agent for such contractor or sub-contractor, or other person furnishing any supplies or materials.

Every such contract or sub-contract shall be void, and the officer, councilman, agent, or member of such committee making such contract shall forfeit to the commonwealth the full amount stipulated for thereby.

No officer of a city, with or without others is charged with the duty of auditing, settling, or providing, by levy or otherwise, for the payment of claims against such city, shall by contract, directly or indirectly, become the owner of or interested in any claims against such city. Every such claim or sub-contract is void, and if any such claim be paid, the amount paid, with interest may be recovered back by the city within two years after payment, by action or motion in the circuit or corporation or hustings court having jurisdiction over said city.

The third paragraph of the said act concerns only certain officers, either directly or indirectly buying or becoming interested in claims against the city and therefore has no bearing upon the matter in question.

The first paragraph specifies the officers, and what it shall not be lawful for them to do.

The second paragraph provides the penalty. If the intentment of the first paragraph was, that it shall not be lawful for any councilman to be interested, directly or indirectly, in any job of work done for, or materials furnished to the city, whether the same be by contract or not; then the act is not effectual; because the penalty provided for the violation thereof, set forth in the second paragraph of said act, is that every such contract or sub-contract shall be void, and the officer, councilman, etc., making such contract shall forfeit to the commonwealth the full amount stipulated for thereby.

In my opinion the intentment of the said act is to provide that it shall not be lawful for any member of the Council, or other officer specified therein, to be a contractor or sub-contractor with the city, and that part of the said first paragraph which follows that prohibition, to-wit:

"Nor shall they be interested, directly, in any contract, sub-contract or job of work, or materials, or the profits or contract price thereof, or any services to be performed for the city for pay under any contract or sub-contract, and no such councilman, officer or employee shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract, sub-contract, or job of work, or materials, or the profits or contract price thereof, or any services to be performed for the city for pay under any contract or sub-contract, or as agent for such contractor or sub-contractor, or other person furnishing any supplies or materials," is a restriction or prohibition upon the relationship or dealing between any member of council, and other officers therein specified, and a contractor or sub-contractor with the city, otherwise I do not think that effect can be given to every word in the said act, and a rule of law in construing any statute, is to construe it, that, if possible, to give force and effect to every part thereof.

Bouvier, defines a contractor as follows: "Contractor. One who enters into a contract; this term is usually applied to persons who undertake to do public work, or the work for a company or corporation on a large scale, at a certain fixed price, or to furnish goods to another at a fixed or ascertained price."

SWAN BROS.
KING AND PITT STREETS
Sho Early For Xmas

Cold Weather Requirements.

Children's Warm Gloves, pair 25c and 50c
Boys' Warm Gloves, pair 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Men's Warm Gloves, pair 25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50
Warm Blankets, pair \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.00 and \$10.00.
Children's Warm Underwear, each 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00
Good Comforts, each \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.
Boys' Outing Night Robes, each 50c
Boys' Outing Pajamas, Suit 75c and \$1.00
Men's Outing Night Robes, each 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Men's Outing Pajamas, Suit \$1.00 and \$1.50
Ladies' Outing Night Robes, each 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Ladies' Wool Hose, pair 25c
Men's Wool Hose, pair 25c and 50c
Men's Wool Pulse Warmers, pair 25c
Men's Bath Robes, each \$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50
Men's Knit Mufflers, each 25c and 50c
Ladies' Knit Mufflers, each 25c and 50c
Boys' Knit Sweaters, each 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50
Ladies' Knit Sweaters, each \$1.25, \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5
Men's Knit Sweaters, each \$1, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5, \$5.50 and \$5.00.

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To All Parties Concerned.
TAKE NOTICE: That on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of December, 1910, at my office at Fairfax, Virginia, at 10 o'clock a. m., I shall proceed to execute the requirements of the decree rendered in the case of the Land and River Improvement Company of Fairfax county, Virginia, in the chancery cause pending therein in which David C. Leach and James S. Leach, et al., are plaintiffs, and the Land and River Improvement Company of New Alexandria, et al., are defendants, and to hear the testimony of the witnesses and to make a decree in the premises.

What lands were owned by the Land and River Improvement Company of New Alexandria from its organization up to the date of the appointment of Park Agnew as receiver in this cause, and what portions thereof have been disposed of, and to whom; and the title to what portions thereof remain in the Land and River Improvement Company of New Alexandria.